

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment and the following remarks are intended to fully respond to the Office Action dated March 29, 2005. In that Office Action, claims 1-25 were examined and all were rejected. More specifically, claim 18 was objected to because of an informality; claims 24 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because data structures are not a statutory patentable category; claims 1-10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ramberg et al. (USPN 6,857,013); claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramberg et al. in view of Madrane (USPN 6,573,907); and claims 13-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Dardinski et al. (USPN 6,754,885). Reconsideration of these rejections, as they might apply to the original and amended claims in view of these remarks, is respectfully requested.

In this Response, claims 1, 18, 24, and 25 have been amended; new claim 26 has been added; and no claims have been canceled.

Claim Objections

Claim 18 was objected to because of an informality. The Applicant has corrected this informality and thanks the Examiner for pointing this out.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 24 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because data structures are not a statutory patentable category. Applicants have amended claims 24 and 25 to provide functionality of the data structure. Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing this out.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C § 102(e)

Claims 1-10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ramberg et al. (USPN 6,857,013). In order for a reference to anticipate a claim under any subsection of 35 U.S.C. § 102, the reference must disclose each and every element as set forth in the claim. Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Col. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987). As argued in the following remarks, Ramberg et al. does not disclose each and every element of amended claim 1 pending in the present application, and as such, Applicants respectfully contend that the instant rejections based thereon are no longer valid and should be withdrawn. Regarding

amended claim 1, Ramberg et al. does not show the limitation of the plurality of resources as comprising one or more resources of differing type. Ramberg et al. discloses managing resources, all of the resources being of one type, i.e. Automatic Data Collection (ADC) resources. However, the present invention is directed to resources, such as resources found in different networks, as well as different software and/or hardware resources and/or manufacturers. These differing resources may include hardware, such as printers, and software, such as email and other application programs, etc. This makes the subject of the present disclosure very important as it may be utilized with virtually any hardware and/or software accessible through a network. Ramberg et al. discloses a user interface to managing one type of resource, which is very limited. Therefore, Applicants submit amended claim 1 of the present disclosure is allowable over the reference cited, and respectfully requests it be allowed. Since claims 2-12 depend from allowable claim 1, Applicants submit they are also allowable, and respectfully requests claims 2-12 be allowed.

Claims 13-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Dardinski et al. (USPN 6,754,885). In order for a reference to anticipate a claim under any sub-section of 35 U.S.C. §102, the reference must disclose each and every element as set forth in the claim. Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Col. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987). As argued in the following remarks, Dardinski et al. does not disclose each and every element of claim 13 pending in the present application, and as such, Applicants respectfully contend that the instant rejections based thereon are no longer valid and should be withdrawn. Regarding claim 13, Dardinski et al. does not show the limitation of receiving information from a first resource, where each resource has managed objects, as required by claim 13. Dardinski et al. is directed to controlling object appearance, whereas the present disclosure is directed to retrieving and utilizing information from differing resources. Dardinski et al. discloses an administrator entering information about a user, which is very different than receiving information from a first resource, where each resource has managed objects. The subject of the present disclosure is directed to receiving information about a managed object from different resources. The resources may be from different hardware and/or software in different networks. Therefore, an administrator entering information about a user is very different than receiving information from more than one resource, where each resource has managed objects, as described in the present

disclosure. For these reasons, the Applicants submit the Examiner has failed to establish that the cited reference anticipates claim 13 of the present disclosure. Therefore, Applicants submit claim 13 of the present disclosure is allowable over the reference cited, and respectfully requests it be allowed. Since claims 14-25 depend from allowable claim 13, Applicants submit they are also allowable, and respectfully requests claims 14-25 be allowed.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ramberg et al. in view of Madrane (USPN 6,573,907). In order to establish *prima facie* obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), three basic criteria must be met, namely: (1) there must be some suggestion or motivation to combine the references or modify the reference teaching; (2) there must be a reasonable expectation of success; and (3) the reference or references when combined must teach or suggest each claim limitation (Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §2142). Applicants submit that the Office Action failed to state a *prima facie* case of obviousness, and therefore the burden has not properly shifted to Applicants to present evidence of nonobviousness.

Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness because the reference fails to disclose or suggest all of the limitations of the pending claims, specifically as to claim 11, no reference has shown the limitation of the plurality of resources comprise one or more resources of differing type, as required by currently amended claim 1, which claim 11 depends upon. For this reason, Applicants submit claim 11 of the present disclosure is allowable over the references cited, and respectfully requests it be allowed.

Furthermore, neither of the cited references teaches other limitations of claim 11. Specifically neither reference teaches or suggests a search manager adapted to receive predetermined search information from a plurality of resources, a search data store adapted to store predetermined search information for the various resources, or wherein the search manager searches the plurality of resources in response to a single search request. Ramberg et al. discloses remote querying by a technician, which is very different from the search manager adapted to receive predetermined search information from a plurality of resources as claimed and described in the present disclosure. The search manager of the present disclosure is configured to receive and store information, and later search that stored information. This is very different than a person doing remote querying as disclosed in Ramberg et al.

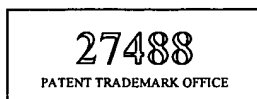
Madrane is directed to a customized user interfaces may be created for video sequences. Madrane discloses a table for search results, which is very different than a search data store adapted to store predetermined search information for the various resources, as claimed and described in the present disclosure. The present disclosure is directed to a system configured to receive and store information from a plurality of resources, and later search that stored information. This is very different than a mere table of search results, as described in Madrane. Madrane also discloses a directory of worldwide directory of services for sites, which is very different than a search manager searches the plurality of resources in response to a single search request as required by claim 11 of the present disclosure. Again, the directory of services as disclosed in Madrane is very different than a system configured to receive and store information from a plurality of resources, and later search that stored information, as described in the present disclosure. Therefore the Applicants submit for all of these reasons the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, and therefore the burden has not properly shifted to Applicants to present evidence of nonobviousness. Therefore, the Applicants submit that claim 11 is allowable over the cited prior art references and respectfully requests it be allowed.

Conclusion

Our check in the amount of \$50.00 is enclosed in payment of the one additional claim. It is believed that no further fees are due with this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment with respect to this patent application to deposit account number 13-2725.

In light of the above remarks and amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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